

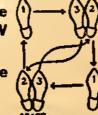


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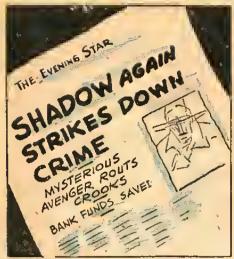
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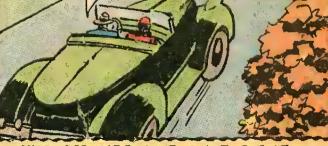
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SOME THING TELLS ME YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE .. OR HAVEN'T





OF COURSE MARGO LANE IS HINTING THAT AMONT CRANSTON IS THE SHADOW ... WHICH HE IS, THOUGH ME NEVER OPENLY ADMITS IT!







OPENING THE ENVELOPE. THE CLERK FINDS SEVEN SLIPS OF PAPER, EACH BEARING A LETTER ··· HE PLACES THEM IN THE ORDER IN WHICH HE FINDS THEM ...























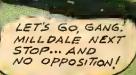




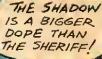


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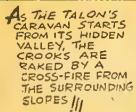
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APPARENTLY MEN OF CRIME THINK THAT THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE IT PAY, DESPITE THE SHADOW!!! BUT WATCH !!!













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THE PARROT ----

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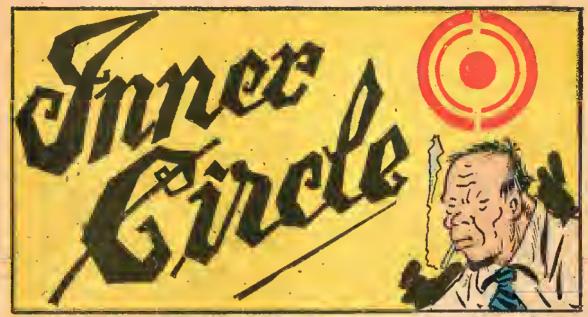






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CHICK CARTER'S INNER CIRCLE THE SECRET OF THE SMOKE!

Sue. Beef and Chick Carter came into the meeting of the Inner Circle a little late. The other members were all there ready and waiting. They watched the trio walk down the aisle to the front of the room. Sue and Beef took their seats as Chick stepped up on the podium.

He cleared his throat and said. "We owe you an apology for being late, members, but we have a good one, I think. We were all ready in plenty of time and started for the hall when . . ."

The members watched Chick with barely concealed interest. Anything that happened to Chick seems to be somehow adventurous. There was something about him that attracted adventure. Just going into a store with him could be exciting. Something always popped around where Chick was.

This time was no exception. Chick went on, "We moseyed past the police station and stopped when one of the detectives there called out and asked if my foster father, Nick, was in town. I said no and the detective asked me to step inside.

"All of us. Sue, Beef and I went in. The cops had quite a tidy little problem for us to solve. They were completely baffled. They ushered us into a small room where a man, a little sneaky rat-faced man named

Larry the Bat, was sitting. He smirked at us with an evil twist to his coarse mouth.

"The detective who had called me, pointed to him and said. You wouldn't believe it but that litle punk there has us all walking around on our heels. He's in solitary till we dope out whether or not he's tied up with a bunch of pyromaniacs that have been torching off houses here in town. Now, he's in solitary. There's no earthly way he can communicate with the outside and even if he could, he has nothing with which to write and nothing on which to write. . . Nevertheless he's been in constant communication with his friends on the outside!"

"At this point, Larry the Bat snarled, 'Yare, the dirty stoolies, if they hadn't tipped you off, you'd never have known!"

"I asked if the friends who had stooled hadn't told how he sent the messages and the detective shook his head wearily and said, 'Nope, evidently they like the idea of the secret message and want to keep it for themselves in case they're ever in a like spot.'

"Well." said Chick, "it sounded like a nice problem and I was glad we were going to have a chance to match wits with a man who had fooled the best brains on the police force. I asked that we be allowed to look over the cell. As we left the room where Larry the Bat was sitting, grinning, I looked into his piggy eyes. His face was

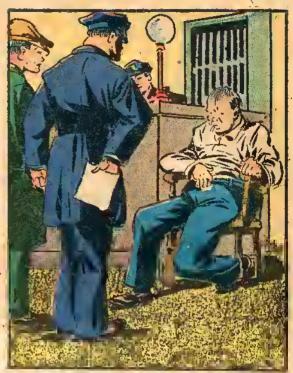
wreathed in cigarette smoke from the butt that dangled from the corner of his mouth. His eyes were quizzical as if he were daring me to figure out his method.

"Right then and there I determined to outsmart him if I could. Somehow there's no type of criminal for whom I have less pity than a fire setter. They are completely devoid of humanity. It matters not in the least, to them, that countless people may die in the fires they set. All they care about is the paltry sum they get for the job."

Chick's face was set in a grimace of disgust as he went on, "Well, all that to one side, we went over the cell with a fine tooth comb. There was no writing equipment of any kind. There seemingly was no earthly way he could have written a note, no less sent it outside. The only thing we found and it upset Sue, was a rat hole in one corner of the cell.



"We went back to the room where Larry was under twenty-four hour-a-day guard and I looked at him. I had one little idea and I investigated it. I thought that if he had a shine on his shoes, he might have used the metal tips on his shoe laces to scrape some of the shoe blacking off with, and then used the tip as a pen to write with. But my first glance threw that idea out of



court. He was wearing suede shoes. My idea was all wet!"

Sue broke in at this point and said, "So that's why you looked so glum when we went back. 'I couldn't understand why you were staring at his shoes in disgust!"

Chick laughed, "I didn't think I was that transparent. However, I ald an idea as to , how he had gotten the mesage out of prison, I told the detective, in front of Larry, to be sure and stop up the rat hole in Larry's cell before they, returned him to it. That annoyed Larry. His face showed that I was right about that! You see, the only thing I could figure was that Larry must have known that the rat hole led outside. If it did, all Larry had to do was catch the rat and tie his note to its neck, then with his friends waiting outside, they'd catch the rat and get the note! As it turned out, Larry had trapped the rat, petted it and made friends with it, which wasn't too hard for a human rat like himself . . ."

The girls in the Inner Circle shuddered at the idea of such a pet.

Chick went on, "I had spiked one of his guns, but that wasn't enough, as long as he was able to write notes, there was always the chance he might find some other way to get them out..."

Beef suddenly chuckled, "Gee, he was mad when you asked him if he had a handkerchief! And he was even madder when you made him pull his shirt out of his pants!"

"That made me feel a little better I must confess," said Chick, "you see, I figured that the cloth of a handkerchief could serve for a writing base and also that the tail of a man' shirt is pretty big... Sure enough, he'd ripped a whole section of shirt tail off! That was what he'd written on, but the problem still remained as to what he'd written with!"



Chick paused and allowed the members of the Inner Circle to cudgel their brains for a moment about the problem that Larry the Bat had set. Nothing in the cell that could be used as ink nothing on the person of Larry, and yet somehow he'd managed to get out a message . . .

Chick, waited till he saw by the members' expressions that they were getting nowhere and then he said, "Perhaps it's not quite fair, you see, I had the clue before me all the time, that was why I was able to solve the problem finally ..."

Beef said, "Yeah, Sue and I had the same clue in front of us too and we didn't dope at out!"

Chick shrugged modestly and said, "Well, it was just luch, I happened to remember

something that Nick showed me a long time ago. It was that that solved Larry's riddle for me!"

One of the members called out, "What was the clue?"

"The fact that Larry was smoking all the time! The cigarette was the answer!" Chick said.

"What? Do you mean to say he burnt out the message in the cloth?" "Asked the member."

Chick shook his head. "No. that was one: idea I had, but the burning would have made a smell that would have been noticed. No, it was a much cleverer idea than that . . . First, however, let me tell you what Nick showed me. It is a misconception that a lot of people have. They confuse the tar in tobacco with nicotine. You must at one time or another have seen a smoker exhale a mouthful of smoke through a handkerchief? It leaves a brown smudge. Well, I asked Nick about this. You see, I thought the smudge was nicotine. Nick laughed at me and told me that if there were that much nicotine in a cigarette all smokers would be dead in five minutes. The smudge is really

"Remembering this was what settled Larry the Bat! I asked the detective to light a cigarette and exhale through his hanky. He looked at me as if I was crazy but did as I asked. When he saw the brown smudge it left and looked at Larry's face, he knew that we had the answer. You see, all! Larry had done was spell out his message in smoke. This left smudgy letters that were quite legible!" Chick paused then added, "And that you see, is why we were late to the meeting today!"

Beef said, "Oh sure, just brush it off casual like. You solve in a half an hour something that has had the cops nuts for two days and then you say. That's why we were late."

Chick grinned and said, "Now, now, we mustn't be bitter... However, now that I have made my apology, Let's get to work on the matters for this meeting...

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DALGREN BECAME CURIOUS — HE LEFT HIS SEAT, MADE HIS WAY OUTSIDE, DOWN AN ALLEY AND ENTERED THE STAGE DOOR, RECOGNIZED BY THE OLD STAGE DOORMAN—AT THE DOOR OF DRESSING ROOM 4 BING SAW THE STAGE MANAGERY AND—



SEVERAL STAGE HANDS IN A HIGH STATE OF EXCITEMENT—DALGREN ENTERED THE DRESSING ROOM—STRETCHED ON THE FLOOR DEAD WITH A BULLET THROUGH HIS HEAD WAS ROLAND DEMOREST A FEATURED PLAYER WHO HAD APPEARED IN THE FIRST TWO ACTS







THIS IS WHAT MISS KNIGHT TOLD DALGREN: SHE WAS BORN IN HUMPHREYVILLE, INDIANA-NEVER MIND THE DATE --- HER FIRST INTEREST IN CRAMA WAS WHEN SHE RECITED VERSE IN HIGH SCHOOL YES, HER REAL NAME WAS "KNIGHT



THEN, SAID MISS KNIGHT," I WENT TO CHICAGO TOOK DRAMA LESSONS. FROM THERE I PLAYED PARTS IN SOME ROAD COMPANIES AND FINALLY TO HOLLYWOOD. FROM FEATURED ACTRESS I WAS GIVEN A STARRING ROLE SUPPORTED BY WELL KNOWN ACTORS-" (THEN SHE GAVE BING AN AUTO-GRAPHED PROTO OF HEADELF



DALGREN HAD HEARD STAGE STORES BEFORE --- HE DETERMINED TO FLY OUT TO HUMPHREYVILLE, INDIANA, AND CHECK ON GLORIA KNIGHT_THAT EVENING HE WAS ON HIS WAY



AT HUMPHREYVILE, HE FIRST LOOKED UP THE RECORDS IN THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS BUT POUND NO BABY EVER REGISTERED AS GLORIA KNIGHT -- THEN HE INTERVIEWED NUMEROUS RESIDENTS WHO ONLY KNEW OF HER AS A MOVIE STAR. AT LAST DALGREN CAME UPON AN ELDERLY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE TO WHOM HE SHOWED THE PHOTO MISS KNIGHT HAD GIVEN HIM _THEN THINGS BEGAN TO HAPPEN ____



THE PHOTO AS THE PICTURE IDENTIFYING OF A KITTY JOHNSON, THE OLD MAN REMEMBERED HER AS WORKING ONCE IN THE GEM RESTAURANT ON WALNUT _ SHE CAME FROM A SIMPLE BUT RESPECTABLE FAMILY LIVING IN THE FACTORY PART OF TOWN-



RECALLED THAT TEN YEARS BEFORE, MAY 5, 1928, KITTY JOHNSON AND ONE DAN STARKEY HAD COME TO HIS HOUSE AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND HE HAD PERFORMED A WEDDING CEREMONY-IT WAS AN ELOPEMENT-HE REMEMBERED THAT STARKEY WAS A "HOOFER" PLAVING A THREE-NIGHT STAND AT HUMPHREYVILLE'S ELITE THEATER)

THEY



HE RECALLED ONLY TOO WELL HOW ANGRY KITTY'S PARENTS WERE AT THE TIME AND BLAMED HIM (THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE) FOR MARRYING THEM.



WITH THIS INFORMATION BING DALGREN HASTENED TO INTERVIEW KITTY'S MOTHER AND FATHER - THEY HAD LONG SINCE FOR-GIVEN KITTY (NOW GLORIA KNIGHT) THEY SAID-KITTY HAD ALWAYS BEEN A HARD WORKING GIRL WHEN HOME -- BING ASKED FOR SOME CHILDHOOD PICTURES OF KITTY AND THE OLD FOLKS PROUDLY GAVE HIMA DOZEN ---- THEY HAD, OF COURSE, NOT LEARNED OF THE TRAGEDY IN THE DOZEN-DRESSING ROOM



THEY ALSO GAVE BING A PHOTO OF KITTY AND HER VAUDEVILLE PARTNER (HER HUSBAND) WHEN THEY FIRST APPEARED IN A DOUBLE ACT IN CHICAGO-YES, THE MAN'S NAME WAS DAN STARKEY-



HEXT DAY ON THE WAY BACK TO NEW YORK BY PLANE DALGREN WENT THROUGH A BATCH OF NEWSPAPERS-THE POLICE WERE STILL BAFFLED.

SEEM TO BE TAHT DIVITOOS MYSTERY AROUND BACK IN THE





STARKEY SHOWED HIM SOME PHOTOS—ONE OF THEM WAS A PICTURE OF HIMSELF AND HIS FORMER PARTNER, GLORIA KNIGHT— THE TEAM WAS KNOWN AS "KNIGHT AND STARKEY, SOPHISTICATED SINGERS AND DANCERS"—





ALL THIS BEGAN TO FORM A PATTERN IN BING DALGREN'S KEEN MIND BUT HE WANTED. TO BE SURE THUS, HE SENT TWO COMPLIMENTARY AIRPLAND TICKETS TO THE OLD JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AT HUMPHREYVILLE AND HIS WIFE TO COME TO NEW YORK CITY AT HIS CALGREN'S) EXPENSE FOR A WEBKEND THE ELDERLY COUPLE WAS GAME AND ARRIVED. ON TIME



DALGREN NOW KNEW THAT EVERY EVENING JUST AFTER GLORIA KNIGHT'S PLAY BEGAN STARKEY WOULD AMBLE DOWN TO THE THEATER ENTRANCE AND RAUSE A FEW MINUTES TO LOOK AT HERJ PICTURE——ANOTHER ACTOR, HAD LONG SINCE TAKEN OVER DEMOREST'S ROLE——



THE FIRST NIGHT THE OLD JUSTICE AND HIS WIFE WERE IN THE CITY, DALGREN TOOK THE JUSTICE TO THE THEATER ENTRANCE WHERE HE IDENTIFIED TO STARKEY AS THE MAN HE HAD MARRIED TO KITTY JOHNSON—



THAT WAS ENOUGH!—BING DASHED DOWN TO THE TIMES-NEWS OFFICE WITH EVERY PHOTO OF GLORIA KNIGHT (KITTY JOHNSON)HE HAD OBTAINED, TOGETHER WITH PICTURES OF STARKEY——IT WAS A GAMBLER'S CHANCE———



FROM THE TIMES-NEWS OFFICE BING WENT
TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S HEAD—
QUARTERS AND REPORTED THAT THE
MURDERER OF ROLAND DEMOREST HAD
BEEN FOUND-THE D.A.'S OFFICE SPRANG
INTO LIGHTNING ACTION—



STARKEY WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE, HIS ROOM SEARCHED AND A PISTOL FOUND WITH TWO EMPTY CHAMBERS—THE MAN WAS BESIDE HIMSELF——



THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WAS SUMMONED AGAIN TO IDENTIFY STARKEY—THIS TIME BEFORE THE LAW—ENFORCING OFFICERS—THE OLD MAN STILL DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ALL THE HULLABALOO WAS ABOUT—



UNDER PRESSURE OF PERSISTENT
QUESTIONING STARKEY BROKE DOWN
AND CONFESSED THAT HE HAD
MURDERED ROLAND DEMOREST, THE
RIVAL FOR HIS WIFE'S LOVE



THOUGH HE HAD, SINGLE HANDED RUN DOWN THE MURDERER, DAGGERAL WAS SYMPATHETIC WITH POOR STARKEY—AS A FINAL HOTEL TO PAGE HER UNDER HER REAL NAME—HE THOUGHT SHE RATED A JOLT FOR DESERTING STARKEY—





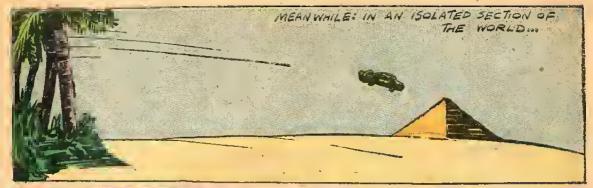








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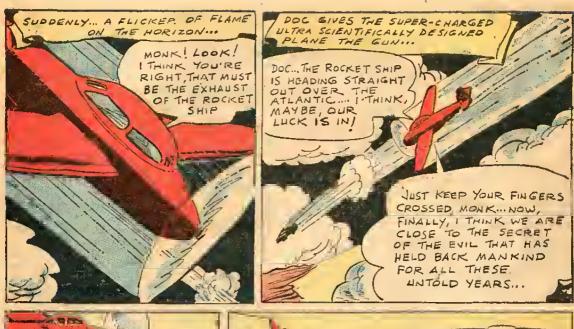
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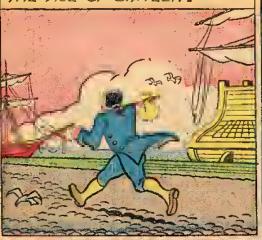
A HUNDRED SCORE OF YEARS AGO, WE DECIDED TO TAKE OVER THE EARTH... TO FURTHER OUR AIMS, WE HAVE WEAKENED MANKIND WITH WAR AND PLAGUE ... NOW, WE ARE SET ... IN A WEEK THE WORLD WILL BE



BVIL WILL CONQUER THE WORLD IN A WEEK, AND DOC SAVAGE MANKIND'S ONLY CHANCE, IS HELPLESS ... FROZEN STATUE STILL ... WHAT CAN HE DO ? HOW CAN HE TRY TO FIGHT? READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF DOC'S BATTLE AGAINST THESE FIENDS...



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HE WAS THE FIRST PIRATE
TO MAKE TORTUGA HIS HEADQUARTERS AND VISIONED GREAT
FORTUNES TO BE HAD BY PREYING ON RICH SPANISH VESSELS.



SO, LIGHTLY PROVISIONED AND WITH SHORT WATER RATIONS HE BOLDLY SAILED FORTH "ON THE GRAND ACCOUNT"!





THEN THEY HURRIED TO THE GUN ROOM—SEIZED THE ARMS—AND KILLED EVERY SPANIARD IN THE WAY!



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A SMART GAMBLER, PIERRE DECIDED TO QUIT WHILE AHEAD, AND RETIRED IN FRANCE TO A LIFE OF LUXURY!



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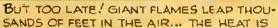
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